



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives notice of a public meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

**DATES:** The ANS Task Force will meet Wednesday and Thursday, January 11–12, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (Eastern Time).

**Registration:** Registration is required. The deadline for registration is January 6, 2023.

**Accessibility:** The deadline for accessibility accommodation requests is January 6, 2023. Please see *Accessibility Information*, below.

**ADDRESSES:** The ANS Task Force meeting will take place at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041. Virtual participation will also be available via teleconference and broadcast over the internet. To register and receive the web address and telephone number for virtual participation, contact the Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or visit the ANS Task Force website at <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358–2466, or by email at [Susan\\_Pasko@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_Pasko@fws.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4721–4728), and is composed of Federal and ex-officio members. The ANS Task Force’s purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting agenda will include: reports from ANS Task Force members and subcommittees; discussion on priority outputs to advance the goals identified in the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan for 2020–2025; presentations on new species occurrences in the United States; aquatic invasive species risk mitigation measures, advancement of the early detection rapid response framework, and progress on updating or implementing species management plans; recommendations by the ANS Task Force regional panels; and public comment. The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the ANS Task Force website, <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

### ***Public Input***

If you wish to provide oral public comment or provide a written comment for the ANS Task Force to consider, contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than Friday, January 6, 2023.

Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Interested parties should

contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary, in writing (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), for placement on the public speaker list for this meeting. Requests to address the ANS Task Force during the meeting will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Executive Secretary up to 30 days following the meeting.

### ***Accessibility Information***

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. Please contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than Friday, January 6, 2023, to give the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

### **Public Disclosure**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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